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JOB PROFILE

Photographer / videographer

Fotógrafu / videógrafu

IT, media & creative · ISCO-08 3431

Photographers and videographers use still and video cameras to capture people, events, places and products. They plan the shot, set up the light and edit the result. The Government plans to promote Timor-Leste through digital platforms.

TRAIN IN TIMOR	**No national course listed** The published list is incomplete
COURSE LENGTH	**To confirm** No published source yet
IN TIMOR	**To confirm** No demand data for Timor-Leste yet
ABROAD	**No official programme yet** Australia PEV: any job, with a job offer
PAY IN TIMOR	**US$320 / month** Average for all technicians and associate professionals in Timor-Leste, not this job alone (Labour Force Survey 2021)

WHAT YOU DO

Plan the shoot: Talk with the client about what they need; Choose the place, camera, lenses and lights; Plan the pictures or scenes you will take.

Take photos and film: Photograph people, weddings, events and products; Film video for clients and social media; Set the light, focus and framing.

Edit: Choose the best pictures; Edit photos and videos on a computer; Prepare files for print, web and phones.

Run the work: Look after cameras and equipment; Keep files safe and backed up; Deliver on time and keep clients happy.

Based on the ILO description of ISCO-08 unit group 3431, Photographers, which covers still and motion cameras.

WHERE YOU WORK

Weddings and family events (Photos and videos for families); News and media (Such as TATOLI news agency and RTTL); Tourism and promotion (Showing Timor-Leste online); Businesses and NGOs (Product photos, reports and campaigns).

Many photographers work for themselves. Work comes at weekends and in the evening, and you carry heavy equipment in sun and rain.

Clients choose photographers by their work. Keep a portfolio of your best photos and videos to show them.

IS IT FOR ME?

You are good at: Seeing a good picture, Using cameras and computers, Putting people at ease, Patience, Being on time.

You like: Photos and films, Art and design, Events and people, Working on your own.

You can start practising with a phone camera and learn to edit before you buy more equipment.

TRAIN FOR IT IN TIMOR-LESTE

- **No national course for photographers listed yet** · The published list of INDMO titles has no photography course, and that list is incomplete.
- **Certificate IV in Media and Communication** · Related: INDMO national certificate for media work
- **Academy of Art, Culture and Creative Industries** · Planned in the Government programme 2023–2028. Courses: to confirm.

Short courses, course length and fees: to confirm. Many photographers learn on the job. The directory never shows a number without a source.

WHERE IT LEADS

- **Photo or video assistant** · Learn from an experienced photographer
- **Photographer or videographer** · Events, media and businesses
- **Photojournalist or media producer** · News and media work
- **Your own photo or video studio** · Startups of Timor helps you start one

WORK ABROAD, SAFELY

- **Australia: Pacific Engagement Visa** · No official programme recruits Timorese workers for this job yet. Australia's Pacific Engagement Visa allows any occupation, but you need a job offer first.

Never pay a fixer. Join only through SEFOPE, the Timor-Leste government office for work abroad. No one can sell you a place, and a real overseas job never asks you for a recruitment fee.

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